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I-5 REHABILITATION
BUENA PARK TO CITY OF COMMERCE
UPDATE #8

SANTA ANA FREEWAY (I-5) IN NORWALK AND SANTA FE SPRINGS --OVERNIGHT PAVEMENT REHABILITATION WORK FROM 9/23 TO 9/26

Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs -- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes and ramps of the <u>northbound</u> Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) in Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs overnight and in the early morning hours from Thursday, September 23 through Sunday, September 26, as part of an 11-mile pavement rehabilitation and improvement project from Buena Park to the city of Commerce.

- Thursday, September 23 to Friday, September 24 from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.:
 - Up to two lanes of northbound I-5 from Rosecrans Avenue to Norwalk Boulevard
 - The northbound I-5 off-ramp to Firestone Boulevard
- Saturday, September 25 from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.:
 - Up to two lanes of northbound I-5 from Rosecrans Avenue to Norwalk Boulevard
 - The Firestone Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-5
 - The Alondra Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-5
 - The Carmenita Road on-ramp to northbound I-5
- Sunday, September 26 from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.:
 - ALL (3) LANES of northbound I-5 from Valley View Avenue to Firestone Boulevard

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From 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.:

- Up to two lanes of northbound I-5 from Valley View Avenue to Firestone Boulevard
- From 1 a.m. to 8 a.m.:
 - The northbound I-5 off-ramp to Firestone Boulevard
 - The Alondra Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-5
 - The Carmenita Road on-ramp to northbound I-5
 - The westbound State Route 91 connector to northbound I-5

Construction dates and closures are weather-permitting and subject to change. The freeway will remain open during peak commute hours. Signs and detours will be posted to assist motorists.

Work began near the Orange County line in Buena Park. Construction is proceeding on the northbound I-5 lanes. When work is completed to Washington Boulevard in the city of Commerce, the project will then proceed on the southbound I-5 lanes back to the vicinity of the Orange County line. Estimated completion is winter, 2005.

Overnight traffic delays are expected to be minimal. Caltrans is aware of nighttime noise during construction and will do everything possible to keep the noise to a minimum. For additional information on this freeway improvement project, please call the Caltrans Public Affairs office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (213) 897-3630 or (213) 897-3656.

Caltrans reminds motorists to *PLEASE*, *SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE*. ###

